plated. The transfer would be detrimental to the interests of the local raiyats. It is sbmitted that those authorities may be permitted to take fuel in the reserved forests. This arrangement will remove the raiyats' complaints on the one hand and profit the Government on the other.

Dewan's reply.—The transfer alluded to is not contemplated.

Subject No. 65.
Koppa Water-supply.

Summary of discussion.—Koppa town has greatly enlarged. It consists of about 300 houses and pays a mohatarafa of Rs. 460. There is a large market held every week here. Three or four thousand people and three or four hundred carts gather at the weekly fair. The existing few wells in the town and the adjacent stream (Musarehalla) do not supply a sufficient quantity of drinking water. The existing wells though dug to the depth of 11 mens' height are useless and the well which the Local Fund Board intend to excavate does not promise to fare better. In order to obviate the hardship keenly felt by the towns people and visitors on market days, it is requested that water may be supplied to the whole town through pipes from the Hirekere tank situated to the west of the town. There are marks of an old channel which formerly led water to the town from Hirekere.

Dewan's reply.—It is doubtful that an expensive water-supply project may be undertaken for a town with but 300 houses. The proposal will however be investigated by the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 66.
Upset price on lands fit for coffee culture.

Summary of discussion.—On the representation made during the Dasara Meeting of 1888, the Dewan stated that he would order Rs. 5 per acre as the upset price to be fixed for land taken up for coffee cultivation in blocks of 5 acres and less, but in the Land Revenue Rules (para 6, Appendix E) since issued, Rs. 10 is the rate fixed. It is requested that Rs. 5 per acre as orginally ordered may be levied.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner does not consider that Rs. 10 is too high a price to pay for land fit for coffee. It is small compared with the outlay which a coffee planter is prepared to incur on coffee culture. The rate probably presses hard on the small cultivator, who takes up but a small area. On the other hand, a small area often means the best part of a survey number. The subject shall however be examined and some relief granted if practicable.

Subject No. 67.
Repair of Tanks in the Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—The Malnad tanks are but small kattes partly irrigating lands below them. If any katte has to be improved, the rule that the earthwork should be carried out by raiyats concerned will be applied. It is hard upon them to be required to do the earthwork, or contribute money towards it, as the major portion of the work would be earthwork. Therefore it is proposed that such work as may remain